NATIONAL OUTLOOK

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Control Scenario

(Probability - 55%)

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- □ Mild Recession Between FY23Q2 and FY23Q4
 - Anemic Real GDP growth of 0.4% estimated for both FY23 and FY24
 - Recession Driven by Reduced Investment
 - Housing Starts Decline by -20.2% in FY23 and -8.9% in FY24
 - Consumer Spending Weak with Growth of 2.0% in FY2023 and 0.9% in FY24
 - Countercyclical Vehicle Production with Growth of Light Vehicle Sales of 3.7% in FY20 and 10.8% in FY24
- □ Federal Reserve maintains increase of Federal Funds rates to 5% by the end of FY23Q3 with continued balance sheet reductions
- □ Declines from recent highs in West Texas Intermediate oil prices, as oil expected to be \$86.50/bbl in FY23, reduced slightly to \$82.44 in FY24

Optimistic Scenario

(Probability - 15%)

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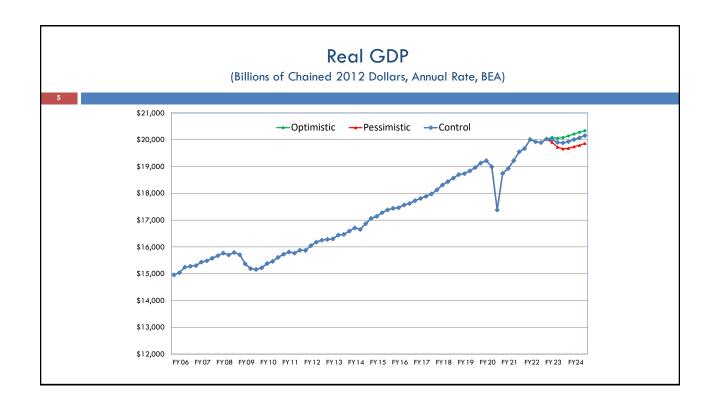
- □ GDP growth increases to 0.9% in both FY23 and FY24
 - Consumer response to Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act stimulus exceeds baseline forecast
 - Corporate profitability increases as firms regain productivity
- □ Employment increases by 2.6% in FY23
- Real Personal Income has growth in FY23
- □ Light Vehicle Sales increase by 12.2% in FY24
- □ Real Consumer Spending increase by 2.6% in FY23
- Quicker resolution of Russia-Ukraine conflict lowers energy prices

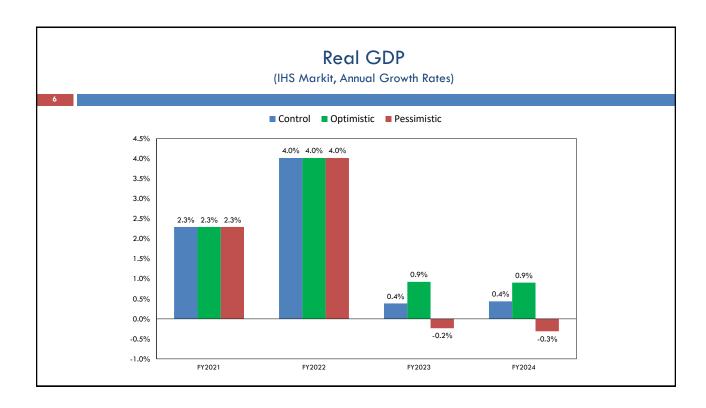
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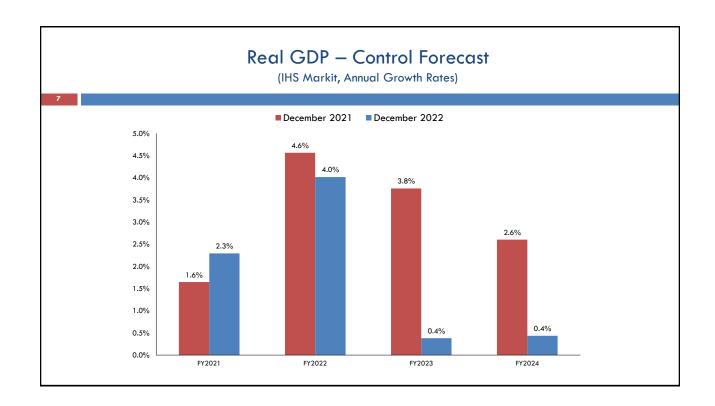
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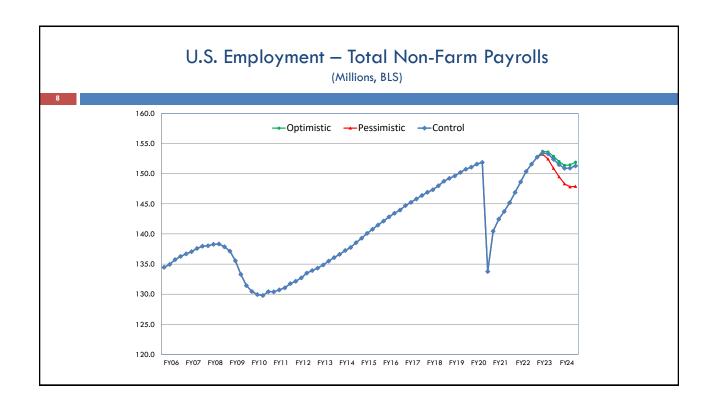
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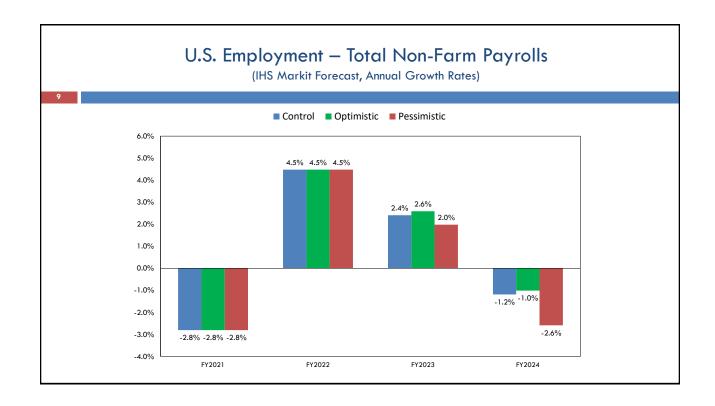
- □ GDP growth declines by 0.2% in FY23 and 0.3% in FY24
 - Russia-Ukraine conflict intensifies leading to higher commodity prices and more pronounced retraction of world economies
 - Slower correction of supply-chain issues delays durable good production
- □ Consumer spending growth slows to 1.5% in FY23 and 0.7% in FY24
- □ Employment decreases by -2.6% in FY24
- □ Unemployment rate increases to 5.4% by start of FY24
- □ Russia-Ukraine conflict drives oil back over \$100/bbl

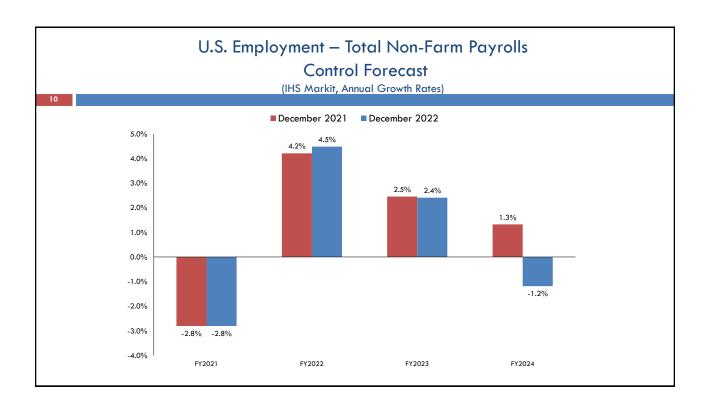


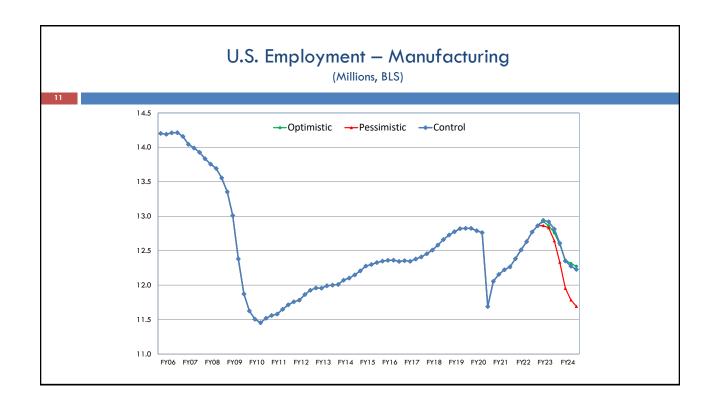


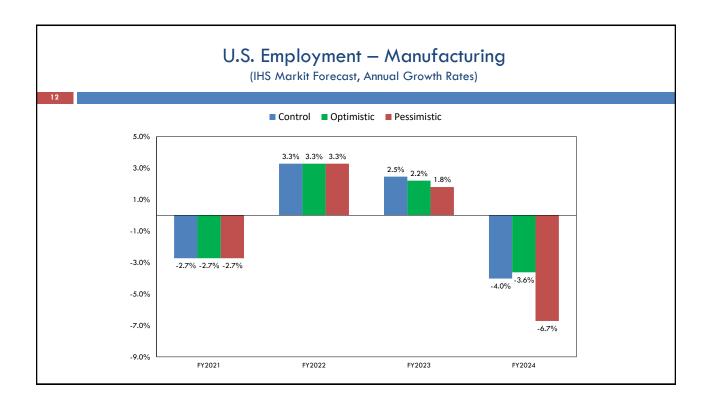


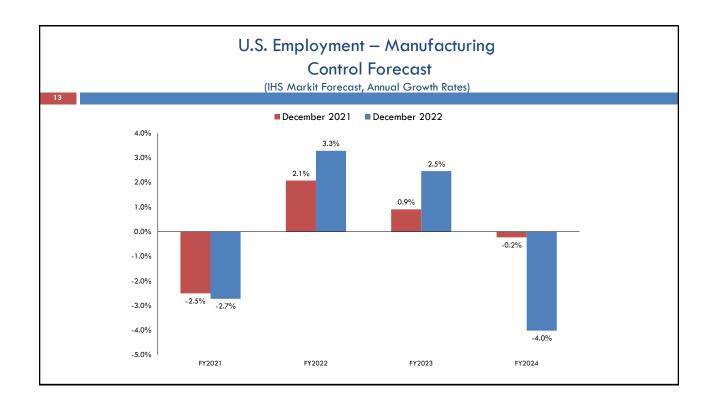


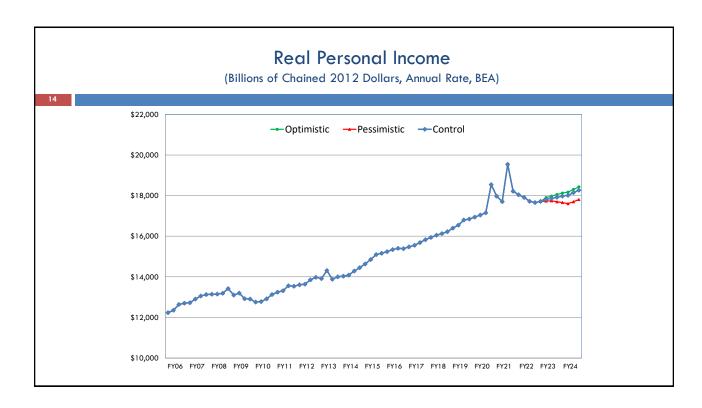


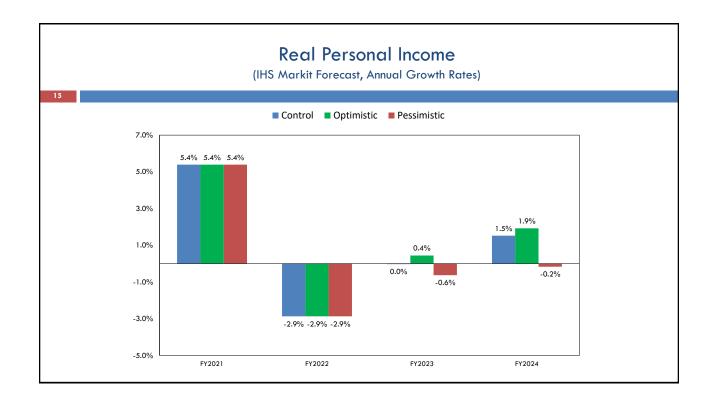


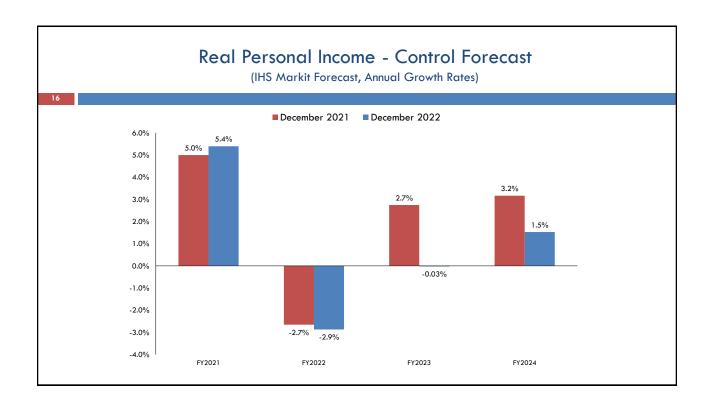


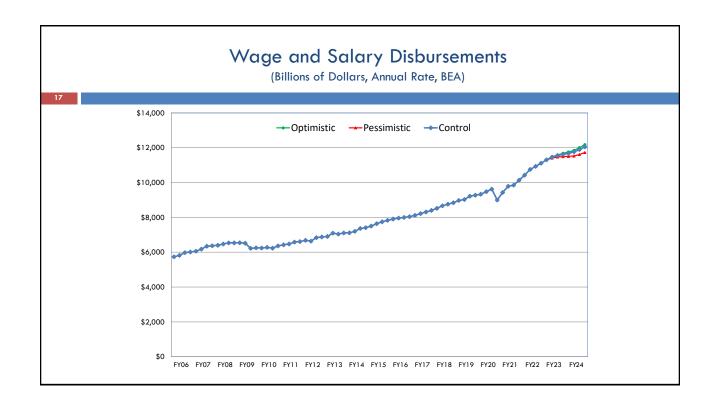


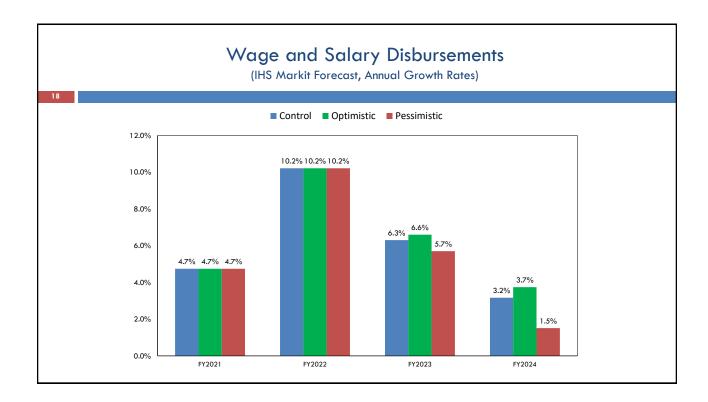


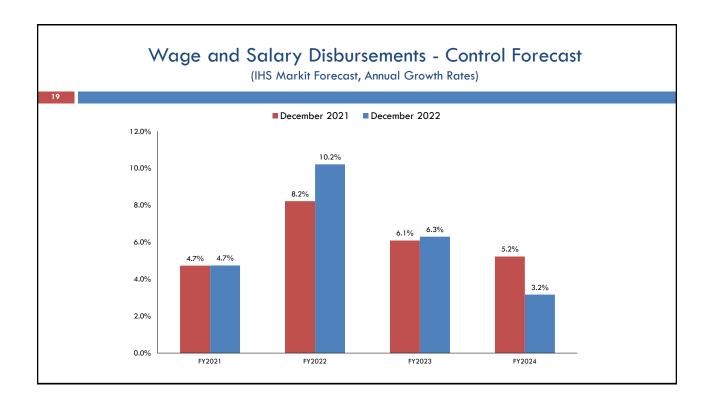


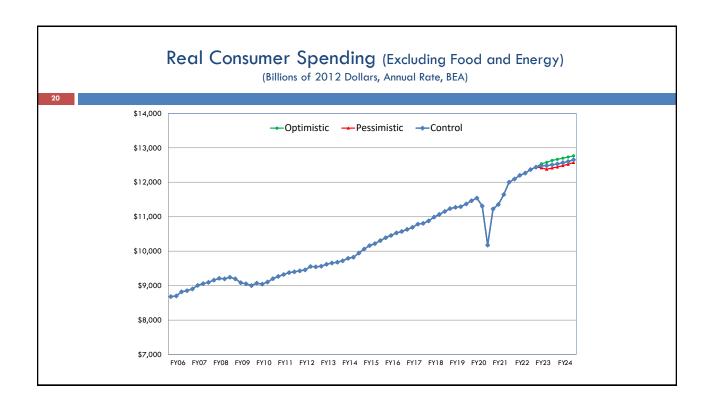


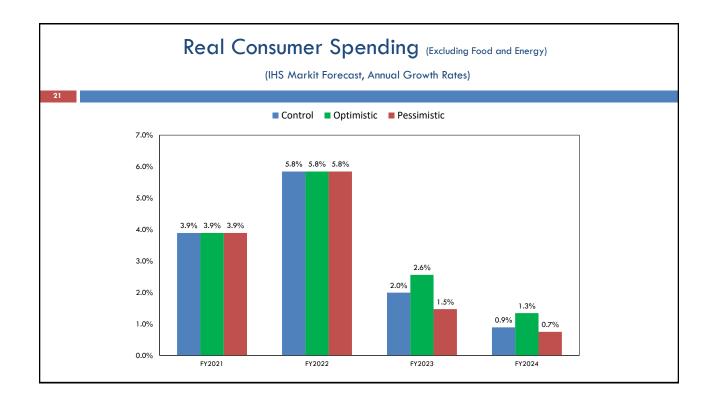


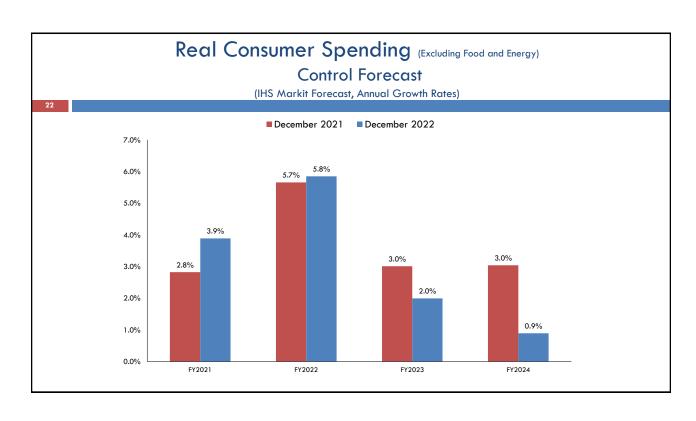


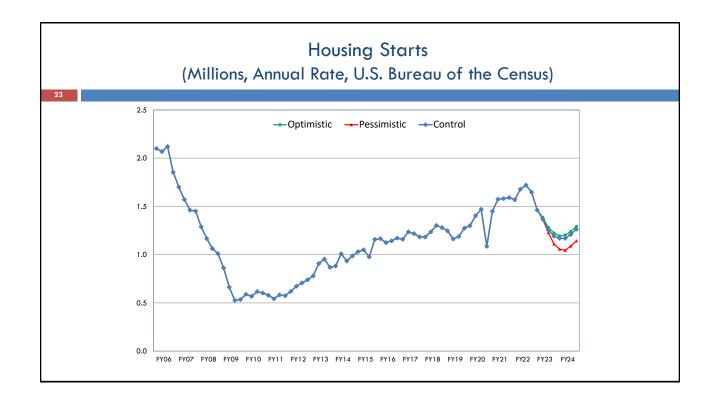


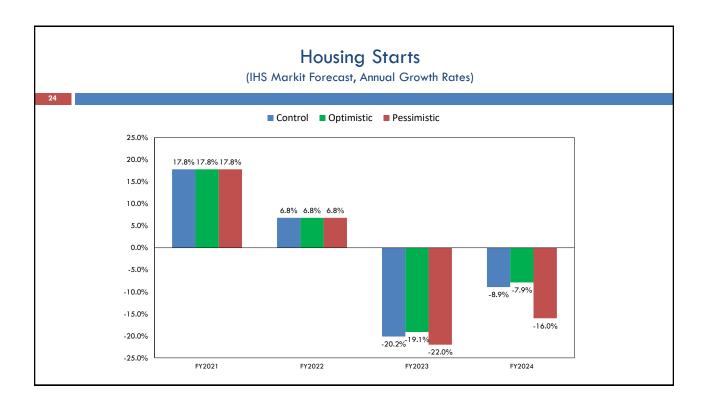


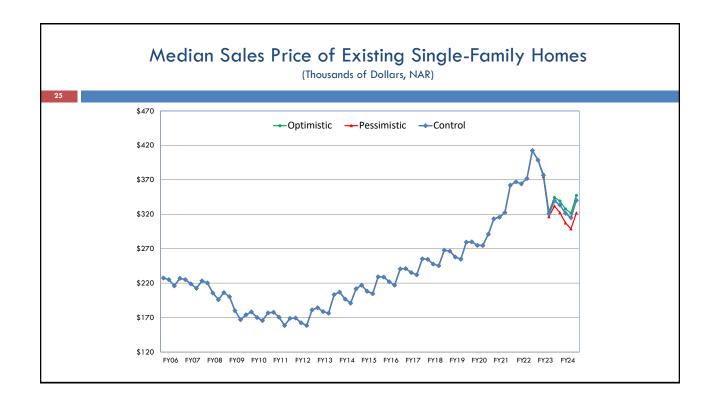


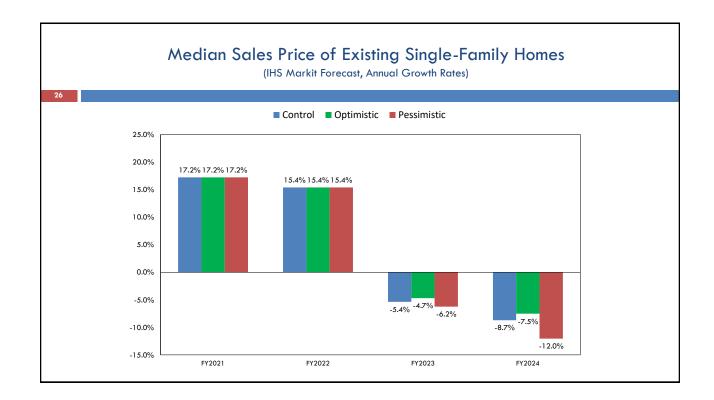


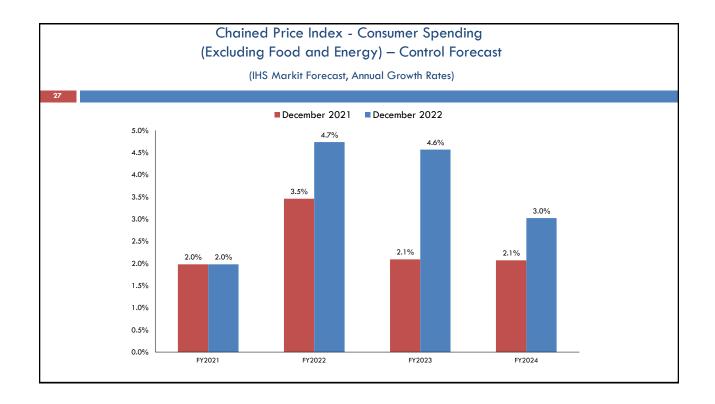


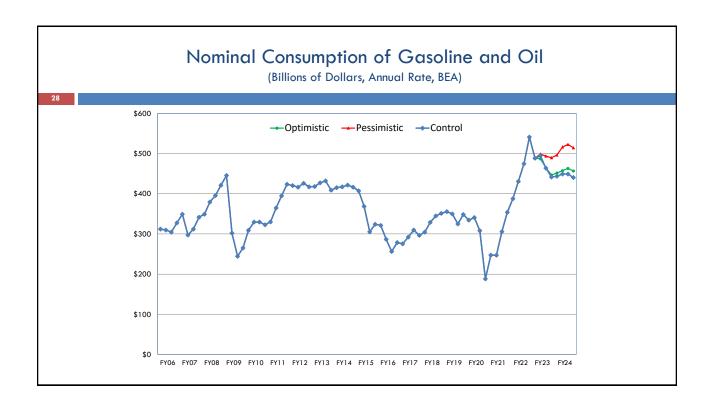


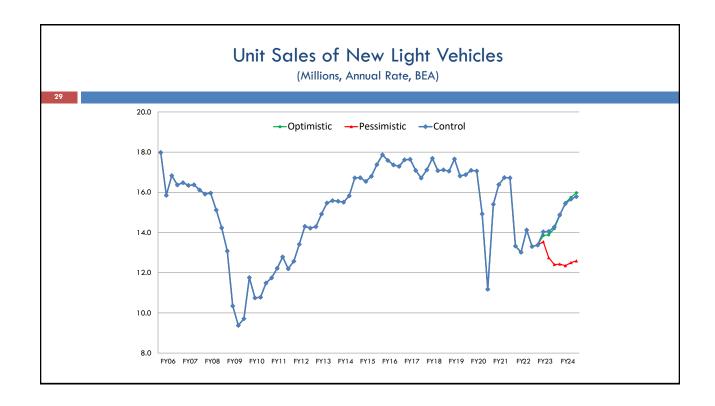


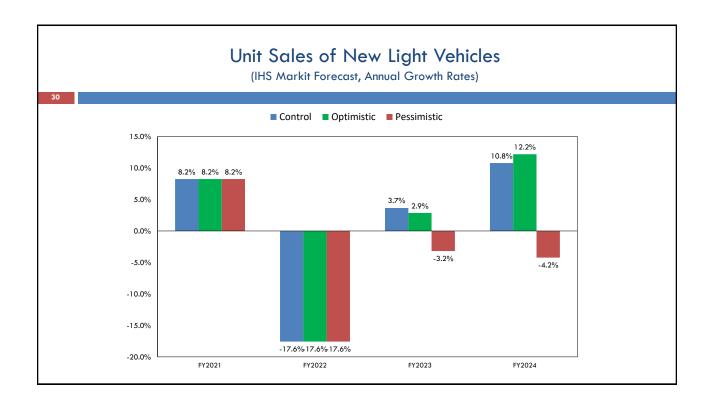


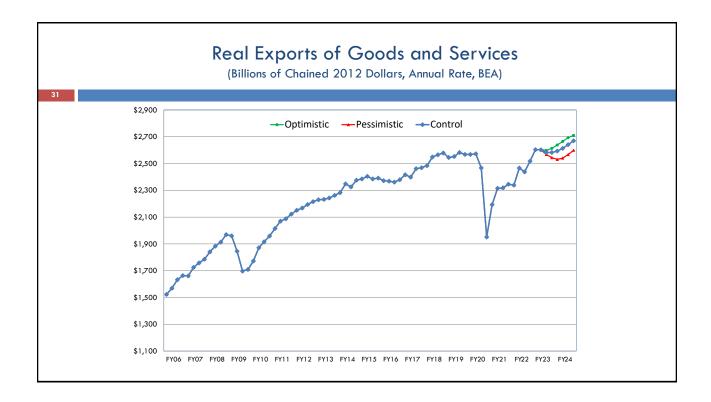


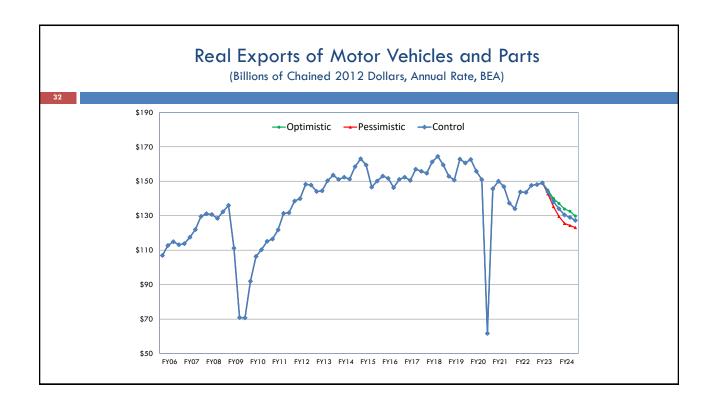












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